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SUBJECT: FRG RELATIONS WITH OMAN

KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT

REF: TUNIS 4083, TUNIS 3860

1. OMANI APPROACH TO FRG RE RELATIONS AND ASSISTANCE  
WELCOME DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH OMAN AN OIL-PRODUCER, ITS  
KNOWN RESERVES ARE GOOD FOR LESS THAN 20 YEARS AND ITS  
OIL REVENUE, ON WHICH GOVERNMENT WHOLLY DEPENDENT, AMOUNTS  
TO ONLY 140 MILLION DOLS FOR COUNTRY OF 3/4 MILLION IN-  
HABITANTS. OVER HALF REVENUE MUST BE SPENT ON COMBATTING  
COMMUNIST-BACKED INSURGENCY IN COUNTRY'S SOUTHERN  
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PROVINCE OF DHOFAR. AFTER NORMAL (AND INCREASING) CURRENT

EXPENDITURES, THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO FINANCE BASIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH ONLY BEGAN AFTER DEPARTURE OF REACTIONARY FORMER RULER AND ACCESSION OF PRESENT SULTAN, QABOOS, IN 1970. UAE AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE OFFERED SOME ASSISTANCE BUT THIS HAS BEEN SLOW IN COMING AND NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET DEVELOPMENT/DEFENSE NEEDS. OMANIS POINT OUT IF COMMUNIST BACKED SUBVERSION NOT STOPPED IN DHOFAR, IT WILL POSE THREAT TO GULF AND FREE WORLD OIL SUPPLIES.

2. U.S. PROVIDES NO BILATERAL ECONOMIC OR MILITARY AID TO GULF STATES AND OMAN. HOWEVER THESE COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR FMS SALES. NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY WITH KUWAIT AND AN FMS PROPOSAL FOR UAE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. AS PART AID REGIONAL PROGRAM WE ARE PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 37 OMANI AND BAHRAINI STUDENTS AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT. 7 OMANIS ARE DOING GRADUATE STUDY IN THE U.S. ON BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FUNDING. BOTH OMAN AND BAHRAIN HAVE SIGNED PEACE CORPS AGREEMENTS AND 21 VOLUNTEERS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN OMAN AND 6 IN BAHRAIN THIS FALL. THEY WILL BE WORKING PRIMARILY IN THE FIELDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLISH TEACHING AND AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION. U. S. ALSO HELPING OMAN AND BAHRAIN FIND HOST GOVERNMENT PAID ADVISORS IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

3. AT PRESENT TIME IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR USG TO UNDERTAKE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OMAN. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE OMAN DESERVES ASSISTANCE AND WOULD HOPE THAT FRG RELATIONS WOULD LEAD TO GERMAN AID PROGRAM.  
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